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Date: 8/31/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

FR-52473

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/31/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/31/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/29/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	4	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	2
Total Under 13 Years	8	6	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	8				
Children Present: 9		Total Children: 11			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			
Helper Needed					

Comments

An in-person visit was conducted today. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. A copy of the Executive Order Checklist was left with the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/31/2020

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Sandra Simmons, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during on this date.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)	
Child # 8	Met

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that two of eight children did not have an enrollment record on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that immunizations records are maintained on file for every child.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(4) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that an infant feeding plan is on file for any child that is under the age of one-years-old.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Health and Hygiene

290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j)- The provider cleaned a child's nose and immediately used hand sanitizer. The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that they was their hands with liquid soap and warm running water anytime they clean a child's nose and are handling bodily fluids.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that two children arrived for care and did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid soap immediately upon arrival.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Six children for pay and one child for no pay were observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(o) requires the Home control pets and other animals to maintain proper sanitation and ensure animals are not a hazard to anyone. No animal that may be vicious is permitted on the premises while children are present. Farm animals cannot be housed within 500 feet of the home. It was determined based on observation that the provider had a small dog loose and present in the room with the children in care. The provider placed the dog outside in the fenced in playground area where the dog continued to jump and bark loudly at the door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that proper sanitation is maintained and that animals are not a hazard to anyone on the premises of the Home. Any animal that may have a vicious propensity, shall not be allowed on the premises of the Home any time children are present. Any farm animals on the property, must not be housed within 500 feet of the Home.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(27) - The consultant spoke with the provider about ensuring that parents and visitors are limited to only the front door of the home and are not allowed access to the home to ensure compliance with the governor's Executive Order effective August 15, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.